

APPLICATION FOR THE

2011

**MIDDLE EAST PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE (MEPI)
STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAM**

APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 22, 2011

Please submit your applications and
supporting documentation to the
U.S. Embassy - Sana'a



A program of the
Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs
U.S. Department of State



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Provide all answers in English.

NAME

Print your name clearly **exactly** as it appears on your passport.

Last *First* *Middle*

Indicate any other spelling(s) or name(s) you use:

HOME COUNTRY CONTACT INFORMATION

Permanent mailing address in your home country:

Home telephone: _____

Fax number: _____

Affix two color Passport (2 x 2 inches) photographs here:

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E-mail address: _____

PERSONAL DATA AND PASSPORT MATERIALS

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth: _____ Place: _____
Month/Day/Year *City* *Country*

Country of permanent legal residence: _____ Country or countries of citizenship: _____

Provide a clear photocopy of the photo/data information page of your current passport.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Provide the names and contact information of individuals who should be notified in case of an emergency.

Name *Relationship to you* *Street Address*

City *State and/or Country* *Telephone Number* *E-mail address*



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NAME (print your name/country): _____ COUNTRY: _____

FIELD OF STUDY

Major Field of Study: _____

Minor Field of Study (if applicable): _____

Name of university (if currently enrolled): _____

Level of coursework you will have completed by July/August 2011 (please check one below):

☐ Final year of Secondary School ☐ 1st year undergraduate study ☐ 2nd year undergraduate study ☐ 3rd year undergraduate study

REFERENCES/RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Identify the three (3) individuals who will be writing letters of recommendation on your behalf. At least one should be from your secondary school. Make sure these are people who are familiar with your academic and personal qualities well.

1. Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

2. Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

3. Name: _____ Title: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ E-mail address: _____



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NAME (print your name/country): _____ COUNTRY: _____

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Indicate any scholarships, academic awards or honors that you have received and the year received:

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Provide complete information about all the educational institutions that you have attended and, if applicable, information about the institution(s) at which you are presently enrolled. **See Application Instructions for information regarding documentation you must provide pertaining to your completed studies.**

Institution Name (No abbreviations)	Institution Location (City, Country)	Dates Attended MM/YY – MM/YY		Major Field of Study	Degree Received and Date Received*	Grade Point Average**
Primary School:		From:	To:			
Secondary School:		From:	To:			
Post-Secondary Education: (University)		From:	To:			

* Identify the name of your degree by the word used at the institution that will award/awarded the degree. If you have not yet received the degree, please indicate the date (month and year) you expect to receive it.

** Indicate your Grade Point Average (GPA) according to the system used at the institution at which you studied. Do *not* convert your GPA to the U.S. educational system's equivalent.

Explain any gaps in your education: _____

Have you ever been dismissed from a school or university? ☐ No ☐ Yes If yes, please explain why: _____



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NAME (print your name/country): _____ COUNTRY: _____

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Native language(s): _____

Number of years of English study: _____ Where studied: _____

Knowledge of foreign languages, including English (rate your abilities as Excellent, Good, or Fair):

Language Name	Reading Ability	Writing Ability	Speaking Ability

STANDARDIZED ENGLISH TEST SCORES

Indicate your TOEFL® or ITP TOEFL® scores.

Test Name	Date taken or to be taken	Score
TOEFL®		
ITP TOEFL®		
OTHER		

The TOEFL exam is not required to apply. Successful candidates will take the TOEFL at the Embassy's expense.

NON-ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

List other community service, internships/jobs, sports or cultural activities in which you have participated regularly in the past two years. If you were a team leader, council member or other officer in any institution or activity, please note that as well.

Location/Institution and Contact	Type of Activity	Dates of Participation MM/YY – MM/YY	
		From:	To:
		From:	To:
		From:	To:
		From:	To:



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PHYSICAL CHALLENGES/DISABILITIES

Describe any physical disabilities you might have. If you require any special equipment or medical treatment as a result of the physical disabilities, please describe it. This information is gathered for statistical purposes and to ensure appropriate placement. The program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, and/or physical disabilities.

FAMILY BACKGROUND

Complete the following regarding your family:

Father's Name: _____

Father's Employment: ☐ Employed ☐ Retired _____ Year ☐ Unemployed

If employed or retired, Occupation: _____

Highest level of education attained:

☐ None ☐ Number of primary school years _____ ☐ Number of secondary school years _____
☐ Secondary Diploma ☐ Bachelor Degree ☐ Master Degree ☐ Ph.D.

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Employment: ☐ Employed ☐ Retired _____ Year ☐ Unemployed

If employed or retired, Occupation: _____

Highest level of education attained:

☐ None ☐ Number of primary school years _____ ☐ Number of secondary school years _____
☐ Secondary Diploma ☐ Bachelor Degree ☐ Master Degree ☐ Ph.D.

Number of siblings in your immediate family: Number of Brothers: _____ Number of Sisters: _____

How did you find out about the MEPI Student Leaders / Undergraduate Exchange Program? Check all that apply.

☐ The U.S. Embassy ☐ AMIDEAST's Educational Advisor/Advising center
☐ A friend ☐ A relative ☐ A teacher or professor

☐ An advertisement or newspaper article (*specify the location*): _____

☐ Other (*specify how*): _____



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Previous Travel:

Please indicate previous travel and study or research experience outside of home country. Please include dates.

ESSAY: Personal Statement

350 – 500 words, typed on separate sheets of paper attached to application.

Provide a clear and detailed description of:

- Yourself
- Your academic objectives,
- Your goals in terms of your field of study and personal development, and
- The reasons why you wish to pursue them in the USA and the type of program you hope to pursue and how it relates to your interests and future objectives.

The essay is an essential part of the selection process and of your application for placement into an appropriate program. Be sure to include any details that highlight your personality and individuality.

SIGNATURE

By my signature, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in my application is accurate and complete, and that I intend to return to my home country upon completion of my studies in the United States. I also authorize any school or university which I have attended or will attend to release my transcripts and any report to the designated placement agency.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION:

Before submitting your application to the address on the front page, please be sure you have included all of the following REQUIRED components:

- ☐ Completed, signed MEPI Student Leaders / Undergraduate Exchange Program application form
- ☐ Personal statement in English, 350-500 words, typed
- ☐ Copy of the data/photo pages of your passport
- ☐ Official transcripts for years of university study (or secondary study for those not in university yet)
- ☐ Official results of the secondary school leaving exam
- ☐ Three letters of recommendation from teachers/professors
- ☐ Two passport-size photos